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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 14, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-23 remain pending following entry of this response. Claim 15 has been amended. Applicants submit that the amendment does not introduce new matter.

Objection to the Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to for improper language. A replacement abstract consistent with the requirements is provided above.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claim 15, from which claims 16-22 depend, has been amended to recite "a tangible computer readable medium". The rejection is believed to be no longer valid. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 and 23 are allowed.

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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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